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## Flood Safety Awareness Week is March 19-23

### Plan, Prepare and Be Aware

SALT LAKE CITY- Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. has declared March 19-23 as Flood Safety Awareness Week in Utah, in conjunction with National Flood Safety Awareness Week. The Utah Department of Public Safety, Utah Department of Transportation, the four Utah chapters of the American Red Cross, Utah State Parks and Recreation, and the Utah State Board of Education will assist in the campaign effort led by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Weather Service (NWS).

Flooding, while a simple word, conjures images to all. To some, it may be a record flood, such as the Santa Clara River flooding in St. George or the flooding which occurred across southeast Utah last fall. To others, it may be a rush of water in a desert wash that almost sweeps their car away. Floods come in all shapes and sizes and can arrive without a moment's notice or with a slow creep. They can roll boulders the size of cars, destroy buildings and bridges, and take human lives. Regardless of how they come, floods over the long term kill more people in the United States than any other type of severe weather.

The goals of the campaign are to educate the citizens of Utah on hazards associated with floods and flash floods as well as what can be done to save lives and protect property.

Daily news releases and statements will be issued and broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio during the week. Daily topics will include:

**Tuesday:** Terms and Definitions...What To Listen For

**Wednesday:** Preparedness and Safety

**Thursday:** Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service

**Friday:** Special Needs Preparedness

A Flood Safety Awareness Week publication is posted on the following web sites:

National Weather Service, Salt Lake City: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety>

National Weather Service, Grand Junction: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/wxsafety>

Utah Division of Homeland Security: <http://homelandsecurity.utah.gov>

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